

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Further, a compound of this invention can be administered in a sustained release composition such as those described in the following patents and patent applications. U.S. Patent No. 5,672,659 teaches sustained release compositions comprising a bioactive agent and a polyester. U.S. Patent No. 5,595,760 teaches sustained release compositions comprising a bioactive agent in a gelable form. ~~U.S. Application No. 08/929,363 filed September 9, 1997,~~ U.S. Patent No. 5,821,221 teaches polymeric sustained release compositions comprising a bioactive agent and chitosan. ~~U.S. Application No. 08/740,778 filed November 1, 1996,~~ U.S. Patent No. 5,916,883 teaches sustained release compositions comprising a bioactive agent and cyclodextrin. U.S. Application No. 09/015,394 (now abandoned) filed January 29, 1998, teaches absorbable sustained release compositions of a bioactive agent. U.S. Application No. 09/121,653 (now abandoned) filed July 23, 1998, teaches a process for making microparticles comprising a therapeutic agent such as a peptide in an oil-in-water process. U.S. Application No. 09/131,472 (now abandoned) filed August 10, 1998, teaches complexes comprising a therapeutic agent such as a peptide and a phosphorylated polymer. U.S. Application No. 09/184,413 (now abandoned) filed November 2, 1998, teaches complexes comprising a therapeutic agent such as a peptide and a polymer bearing a non-polymerizable lactone. The teachings of the foregoing patents and applications are incorporated herein by reference.